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Dear Mr. Lester Snow,

I am a retired man who lives in Bonham, Texas working part time with the Small Business Development Center of Grayson County College.

It has been my privilege to spend a week in your beautiful state along the McCloud river, just north of Lake Shasta, for the past two years. I was a guest of Mr. Bruce Rector who is a member of the Bollibokka Club of San Francisco. We (14 in 1997, and 8 in 1998) of course fished this magnificent river, ate very well, and discussed everything from politics to religion. But we also discussed the River.

I hear that some in your state want to raise the height of Shasta Dam, which in turn would raise the height of the lake some ten to thirty feet depending on the desired lake level. I am sure our Secretary of the Interior is very much for this project as it seems to me this man is all for the total destruction of our beautiful American ecology and natural wildlife.

Perhaps Mr. Snow you are asking what business it is of mine, a guy from Texas. Well we don't have Rainbow trout fishing in my part of the country, and we don't have

beautiful clear rivers like the McCloud.

So, Mr Snow, this letter is just a very small voice from a very insignificant person of age 74 who would like to think his grand son could some day visit this part of our great wilderness area without having to use a scuba tank.

One last thought, Mr. Snow. Why not raise the dam some fifty feet, or even higher, then the lake could have an abundance of water for down stream. We really don't owe the wild creatures of the river that much consideration anyway. Or do we , Sir?

Respectfully yours



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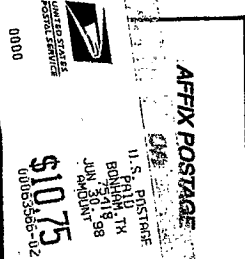
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